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2009 Alaska GROWN Alaska Teachers' Scholarship Program

Applications must be received by close of business (5:00 pm) August 28, 2009. Preferred method to receive applications is via email. The application does not require a signature, so sending it in as a Word Document is appropriate. If this is not possible, you may also submit via fax, mail or in person to the Alaska Division of Agriculture, Central or Northern Region Office (see above).

Make sure to provide the name, address, email address and telephone number for the primary applicant.

Proposal Due Date: August 28, 2009

Applicants Notified by: September 18, 2009

Proposal Requirements:

1. Projects must be focused on eligible *specialty crops*: fruits, vegetables, and nursery crops including floriculture. **Ineligible crops include:** feed crops, livestock, dairy products, eggs and aquaculture products.
2. This is a scholarship, so no matching time or funds are required.
3. Application *must* be typed. Please use 12-point font.
4. Each project must have a title page that includes the project title and your contact information.
5. Begin the proposal with a ½ page abstract, and then address each question outlined under "proposal content." A successful project will provide clear goals and objectives and will clearly state how you intend to evaluate the success/ challenges of your curriculum. The goals and objectives need to be specific, well-structured and brief.
6. Please make sure the proposal is no more than 2 pages, including the budget.

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

Proposal Content Requirements:

Project abstract: Provide a ½ page summary of the project and its objectives and then address the questions below:

1. Provide bullet points on what your curriculum will cover, and if you will be working collaboratively with another teacher/group.
2. How will you increase the awareness of Alaska Grown?
3. Identify what items will be purchased with the scholarship funds.
4. Identify how many students will be reached by your curriculum, and how you will reach them.
5. Verify that you will conduct two surveys, and that you understand the purpose of these surveys.
6. Disclose if you have worked with Ag in the Classroom (AITC) previously. Convey if you will be collaborating with AITC on this project, and how you will include Vicki Naegele's input?

Submission Requirements:

Make sure to provide the name, address, email address and telephone number for the primary applicant.

1. Submit a completed proposal by fax, mail or in person to the Alaska Division of Agriculture, Central or Northern Region Office (see above).
2. Proposal *must* be received by end of business (5:00 pm) in the Division of Agriculture offices on August 28, 2009. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for funding.
3. 12-point font must be used for all text in the proposal.
4. Each project must have a title page including the title and your contact information.
5. Limit your proposal to **2 pages, including the budget. The title page does not count.**

The Division of Agriculture has written a sample proposal. You have permission to follow the format displayed on the sample proposal. The Division has also provided a sample budget outline to follow. Use this when presenting your budget information. This budget outline is in Microsoft Excel. You can download it off of our website and save it to your computer, to use. It will automatically total the numbers you enter. Please go to: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/index.htm> to access these documents.

If you have any questions when working on this proposal please Patricia O'Neil at Patricia.ONeil@alaska.gov or (907)761-3858.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the Alaska Agriculture Innovative Grant proposals:

1. Application: Please refer to the sample application provided on our website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/index.htm>. Proposal is well-written and clear; please clearly outline your goals and objectives, and clearly demonstrate how you will meet each goal and objective. The application will be evaluated on how comprehensive it is and follows the directions provided in the request for proposals. (10 points)
2. Curriculum Outline: The curriculum will be evaluated by how well it is defined, how it will increase awareness of Alaska Grown specialty crops, and how many students will be reached. (20 points)
3. Contact Vicki Naegele (AITC): We will evaluate how you reviewed your own curriculum, and if you contacted Vicki to receive feedback on your education plans/ideas. (5 points)
4. Surveys: It will be evaluated if you clearly identified you understand surveys will be conducted, that you understand the purpose of the surveys, and that a defined method of collecting these is mentioned. (10 points)
5. Budget: Please use the budget worksheet provided by the Division or follow the example provided closely. The budget will be evaluated on how clearly it defines how the funds will be used. (5 points)

Total Points Possible = 50